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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An armrest for a vehicle passenger compartment comprising:
a collapsible frame, ~~wherein the collapsible frame is~~ deflectable in at least one direction
upon a forcible impact received by the armrest, ~~wherein the collapsible frame comprises:~~
a first frame member adapted to be mounted to a support member in the vehicle
passenger compartment to mount the armrest to the support member; and
a second frame member mounted to the first frame member by a moveable
mounting, wherein the moveable mounting comprises a mounting adapted to permit movement
of the second frame member relative to the first frame member upon receipt of the forcible
impact to the armrest, and at least one pin on one of the first frame member and the second frame
member received by at least one aperture on the other of the first frame member and the second
frame member corresponding to each of the at least one pin on the one of the first frame member
and the second frame member, wherein the at least one pin is sheared off by the at least one
corresponding aperture during relative movement of the second frame member with respect to
the first frame member;
a recess located within the armrest adjacent to the second frame member, wherein
the recess provides an area for deflection of the second frame member upon receipt of the
forcible impact; and
a cover positioned over the collapsible frame.
2. (Cancelled without prejudice)
3. (Cancelled without prejudice)
4. (Currently amended) The armrest of claim 3-1 wherein the forcible impact force-required

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to move the second frame member is less than that required if the second frame member were permanently mounted to the first frame member.

5. (Currently amended) The armrest of claim 3-1 wherein the forcible impact ~~force~~ required to move the second frame member is less than that able to cause injury to a bodily region of an occupant that collides with the armrest.
6. (Cancelled without prejudice)
7. (Cancelled without prejudice)
8. (Cancelled without prejudice)
9. (Currently amended) The armrest of claim 8-1 wherein the at least one aperture has a frustoconical shape to assist in shearing off the at least one pin.
10. (Cancelled without prejudice)
11. (Cancelled without prejudice)
12. (Cancelled without prejudice)
13. (Currently amended) The armrest of claim 6-1 and further comprising a core material located between the cover and the collapsible frame to provide a tactile feel for the armrest.
14. (Original) The armrest of claim 13 wherein the core is composed of a foam material.
15. (Original) The armrest of claim 14 wherein the foam material is semi-rigid.
16. (Original) The armrest of claim 15 wherein the cover is composed of a flexible material.
17. (Original) The armrest of claim 16 wherein the cover is composed of one of a leather, a fabric, and a polymeric material.
18. (Original) The armrest of claim 17 wherein the cover provides an architectural finish and

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is composed of a material that matches the vehicle passenger compartment.

19. (Currently amended) The armrest of claim 18 wherein ~~an~~ a forcible impact force received against the cover deflects at least a portion of the core against the collapsible frame to cause deflection of the collapsible frame.

20. (Currently amended) The armrest of claim 19 wherein the forcible impact force required to move the second frame member is less than that required if the second frame member were permanently mounted to the first frame member.

21. (Currently amended) The armrest of claim 19 wherein the forcible impact force required to move the second frame member is less than that able to cause injury to a bodily region of an occupant that collides with the armrest.

22. (Currently amended) The armrest of claim 1 and further comprising a core material located between the cover and the collapsible frame to provide a tactile feel for the armrest.

23. (Original) The armrest of claim 22 wherein the core is composed of a foam material.

24. (Original) The armrest of claim 23 wherein the foam material is semi-rigid.

25. (Currently amended) The armrest of claim 22 wherein ~~an~~ a forcible impact force received against the cover deflects at least a portion of the core against the collapsible frame to cause deflection of the collapsible frame.

26. (Original) The armrest of claim 1 wherein the cover is composed of a flexible material.

27. (Original) The armrest of claim 1 wherein the cover is composed of one of a leather, a fabric, and a polymeric material.

28. (Original) The armrest of claim 1 wherein the cover provides an architectural finish and is composed of a material that matches the vehicle passenger compartment.

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29. (Currently amended) An armrest for a vehicle passenger compartment comprising:
- a substrate adapted to be fixedly mounting to a support panel in the vehicle passenger compartment;
 - a cover mounted over the substrate;
 - a core disposed between at least a portion of the substrate and the cover to provide a tactile feel to the armrest; and
 - a deflectable member retained against the substrate, wherein the deflectable member can overcome its retention against the substrate upon receipt of a suitably large impact force and move with respect to the substrate; and
a moveable mounting adapted to permit movement of the deflectable member relative to the substrate upon receipt of a suitably large impact force to the armrest, wherein the retention of the deflectable member is performed by the moveable mounting;
wherein the moveable mounting comprises at least one pin on one of the substrate and the deflectable member received by at least one aperture on the other of the substrate and the deflectable member corresponding to each of the at least one pin on the one of the substrate and the deflectable member; and
wherein the at least one pin is sheared off by the at least one corresponding aperture when the deflectable member overcomes its retention against the substrate upon receipt of the impact force.
30. (Original) The armrest of claim 29 and further comprising a recess adjacent to the substrate, wherein the deflectable member can move into an area of the recess upon receipt of the impact force.
31. (Original) The armrest of claim 30 wherein the impact force deflects at least a portion of the core against the deflectable member to cause movement of the deflectable member.
32. (Cancelled without prejudice)

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- 33. (Cancelled without prejudice)
- 34. (Cancelled without prejudice)
- 35. (Cancelled without prejudice)
- 36. (Currently amended) The armrest of claim ~~35~~29 wherein the at least one aperture has a frustoconical shape to assist in shearing off the at least one pin.
- 37. (Currently amended) The armrest of claim ~~33~~29 wherein the movable mounting comprises at least one edge on one of the deflectable member and the substrate received behind at least one ridge on the other of the deflectable member and the substrate corresponding to each of the at least one edge on the one of the deflectable member and the substrate.
- 38. (Original) The armrest of claim 37 wherein the at least one edge cams over the at least one ridge when the deflectable member overcomes its retention against the substrate upon receipt of the impact force.
- 39. (Original) The armrest of claim 38 wherein the at least one edge has one of a semi-circular and triangular profile.
- 40. (Original) The armrest of claim 39 wherein the cover is composed of a flexible material.
- 41. (Original) The armrest of claim 40 wherein the cover is composed of one of a leather, a fabric, and a polymeric material.
- 42. (Original) The armrest of claim 41 wherein the cover provides an architectural finish and is composed of a material that matches the vehicle passenger compartment.
- 43. (Original) The armrest of claim 42 wherein the core is composed of a foam material.
- 44. (Original) The armrest of claim 43 wherein the foam material is semi-rigid.
- 45. (Original) The armrest of claim 44 wherein the impact force required to move the

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deflectable member is less than that required if the deflectable member were permanently mounted to the substrate.

46. (Original) The armrest of claim 44 wherein the impact force required to move the deflectable member is less than that able to cause injury to a bodily region of an occupant that collides with the armrest.

47. (Original) The armrest of claim 29 wherein the impact force deflects at least a portion of the core against the deflectable member to cause movement of the deflectable member.

48. (Cancelled without prejudice)

49. (Cancelled without prejudice)

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56. (Cancelled without prejudice)

57. (Original) The armrest of claim 29 wherein the impact force required to move the deflectable member is less than that able to cause injury to a bodily region of an occupant that collides with the armrest.

58. (Original) The armrest of claim 29 wherein the cover is composed of a flexible material.

59. (Original) The armrest of claim 29 wherein the cover is composed of one of a leather, a

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fabric, and a polymeric material.

60. (Original) The armrest of claim 29 wherein the cover provides an architectural finish and is composed of a material that matches the vehicle passenger compartment.

61. (Original) The armrest of claim 29 wherein the core is composed of a foam material.

62. (Original) The armrest of claim 61 wherein the foam material is semi-rigid.

63-124 (Cancelled without prejudice)

125. (New) An armrest for a vehicle passenger compartment comprising:

a substrate adapted to be fixedly mounted to a support panel in the vehicle passenger compartment, the substrate defining a recess adjacent to the support panel and at least one retainer in register with the recess, the at least one retainer spaced inwardly from the support panel to define a translation zone between the support panel and the at least one retainer;

a deflectable member located in the recess for movement relative to the substrate, wherein the deflectable member has at least one engagement portion engaged with each of the at least one retainer on the substrate, wherein the engagement of the at least one retainer with the at least one engagement portion retains the deflectable member from moving into the translation zone, and wherein, upon receipt of a sufficiently large impact to the arm rest, the engagement of the at least one engagement portion with the at least one retainer is overcome and the deflectable member travels into the translation zone relative to the substrate;

a cover mounted over the substrate; and

a core disposed between at least a portion of the substrate and the cover to provide a tactile feel to the armrest.

126. (New) The armrest of claim 125 wherein the retainer comprises at least one shear pin on one of the substrate and the deflectable member received by at least one aperture on the other of the substrate and the deflectable member corresponding to each of the at least one shear pin on the one of the substrate and the deflectable member.

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127. (New) The armrest of claim 126 wherein the at least one shear pin is sheared off by the at least one corresponding aperture when the deflectable member overcomes its retention against the substrate upon receipt of the impact.

128. (New) The armrest of claim 127 wherein the at least one aperture has a frustoconical shape to assist in shearing off the at least one shear pin.

129. (New) The armrest of claim 125 wherein the movable mounting comprises at least one edge on one of the deflectable member and the substrate received behind at least one ridge on the other of the deflectable member and the substrate corresponding to each of the at least one edge on the one of the deflectable member and the substrate.

130. (New) The armrest of claim 129 wherein the at least one edge cams over the at least one ridge when the deflectable member overcomes its retention against the substrate upon receipt of the impact.

131. (New) The armrest of claim 130 wherein the at least one edge has one of a semi-circular and triangular profile.

132. (New) The armrest of claim 125 wherein the cover is composed of a flexible material.

133. (New) The armrest of claim 132 wherein the cover is composed of one of a leather, a fabric, and a polymeric material.

134. (New) The armrest of claim 133 wherein the cover provides an architectural finish and is composed of a material that matches the vehicle passenger compartment.

135. (New) The armrest of claim 125 wherein the core is composed of a foam material.

136. (New) The armrest of claim 135 wherein the foam material is semi-rigid.

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137. (New) The armrest of claim 125 wherein the impact required to move the deflectable member is less than that required if the deflectable member were permanently mounted to the substrate.

138. (New) The armrest of claim 125 wherein the impact required to displace the deflectable member is less than that able to cause injury to a bodily region of an occupant that collides with the armrest.

139. (New) The armrest of claim 125 wherein the impact deflects at least a portion of the core against the deflectable member to cause displacement of the deflectable member.